AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual having an autistic disorder characterized by an abnormal fecal ~~chymotryspin~~ chymotrypsin level using digestive enzymes, the method comprising the step of administering to the individual an effective amount of digestive enzymes to promote changes in autistic behavior by ameliorating a symptom of the autistic disorder.

Claim 24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the symptom comprises an impairment in making eye contact with another individual.

Claim 25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the symptom comprises a lack of social interaction.

Claim 26. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the symptom comprises a delay in or lack of spoken language.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the symptom comprises a repetitive pattern of behavior; the repetitive pattern of behavior being selected from a group consisting of; clenching muscles, turning in circles, making repetitive sounds, flipping fingers in front of eyes, hand flapping, arm flapping, or a combination thereof.

Claim 28. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the symptom comprises hyperactivity.

Claim 29. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the symptom comprises a lack of a formed bowel movement.

Claim 30. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the symptom comprises a lack of toilet training.

Claim 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the administering of digestive enzymes comprises administering a tablet of digestive enzymes with each meal comprising approximately 4,000 to approximately 60,000 U.S.P. Units/tablet on a daily basis.

Claim 32. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the digestive enzymes comprise lipase, amylase, protease, cellulose, sucrase, or maltase either singularly or in any combination thereof.

Claim 33. (Previously Presented) Thc method of claim 23, wherein the effective amount of digestive enzymes is administered with each meal on a daily basis, and said effective amount is determined according to the age and weight of the individual.

Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the digestive enzymes are administered at 1least three times per day.

Claim 35. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the digestive enzymes comprise a pancreatic enzyme.

Claims 36-41. (Cancelled)

Claim 42 (Currently Amended) A method for treating an individual having an autistic disorder characterized by an abnormal fecal ~~chymotryspin~~ chymotrypsin level using digestive enzymes, comprising the steps of administering an effective amount of digestive enzymes to the individual to promote protein digestion to improve a symptom of the autistic disorder.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the administration of the effective amount of digestive enzymes improves protein digestion in the individual.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended) A method of treating protein deficiency in an individual having an autistic disorder characterized by an abnormal fecal ~~chymotryspin~~ chymotrypsin level and a lack of protein digestion using digestive enzymes, the method comprising the step of administering an effective amount of digestive enzymes to the individual to promote protein digestion to improve a symptom of the autistic disorder.